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Syria On Security Council

If the letter and spirit of he United Nations Charter were regarded respectfully and meaningfully by the international organization, Syria's name would never have arisen for a two-year term on the Security Council.

The Charter specifies that the Council shall be charged with the maintenance on international security and peace. Syria under this stricture could not qualify for membership -- even by Alice in Wonderland standards.

The preposterousness of the Syrian candidacy for the seat vacated by Pakistan is underscored by its upside-down view of justice as manifested in its recent release of the terrorists who hijacked a Trans World Airliner to Damascus last Agust. This while victims of the crime, two Israelis, remain imprisoned.

The importance of the United Nations in dealing with the principal international tensions of our day has long been a cause of distress among its most ardent advocates. Its cause as an agent of peace certainly cannot be helped by giving the Damascus Government a seat for two years -- especially since it surely will be presiding, with 14 other nations, over questions affecting Israel's vital interests.

There will be a certain ludicrous balance to the new Council. Algeria will be departing and, in the words of Foreign Minister Abba Eban, the UN body will really be substituting one 'highjacker's' seat for another.

The Jewish Vote

By ROBERT SEGAL

There once was a very cautious, Jewish community relations agency dedicated to one among several propositions, holding that in America there is no such thing as "a Jewish vote." But now that this very agency, having undergone some change in management as well as a shift in its way of looking at the realities of life, has produced a study unabashedly titled "Jewish Voting In Recent Elections," it seems fair to conclude that we can talk freely and pointedly about the real politik we have in mind when we mention the ethnic factors in big city elections. Behold the mayoralty campaign in New York:

Item: Frank Sinatra endorsed the incumbent, John V. Lindsay, who was washed out in the Republican primaries but is fighting back as an independent; and immediately the Americans of Italian Descent, Inc. (formerly known as the American Italian Anti-Defamation League) disavowed any connection with Frankie's endorsement. The singer was an early chairman of the American Italian Anti-Defamation League.

Item: In July, City Controller Mario Anthony Procaccino, who holds the Democratic nomination for Mayor on the basis of one of those easy-does-it law and order campaigns, indicated that he was looking for a campaign manager "whose image is liberal enough to attract some of the Democrats who might feel Mr. Procaccino is too conservative." And it was clearly indicated that the Procaccino campaign manager had best be Jewish.

Item: One that June night when New York voters ditched such candidates as John Lindsay, Bronx Borough President Herman Badillo, dormer Mayor Bob Wagner, and

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"Always preaching! Why can't he let us remain our simple, selfish selves?"

Congressman James J. Scheuer, a gal named Monica Davis, who campaigned for George Wallace last year, declared that her 1969 hero, State Senator John Joseph Marchi, the conservative Republican who defeated Lindsay in the primary, "is gonna win; he's got it made; he's a good, intelligent, religious man and a family man." And while Monica was tuhus reducing to the ultimate in simplicity the formula for how to win in politics without really trying, Mr. Marchi was declaring that he is the Shirley Temple of politics.

Item: Way off in a lonesome corner, Dan Potter, executive director of the Council of Churches of the City of New York, was accusing the Lindsay administration of "deliberate discrimination" against Mr. Lindsay's Protestant faith because, when the Apollo II astronauts were honored in religious ceremonies in New York, there was an invocation by Terence Cardinal Cooke and a benediction by Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, but no room at this in-ceremony for a Protestant cleric.

While these ethnic and religious ingredients are boiling on the political stove, it might be profitable to see what's happening to the Jewish vote, A decade or so ago, Professor Lawrence Fuchs of Brandeis, in his indispensable book, "The Political Behavior of the American Jew," proved conclusively that American Jews are strongly inclined to vote on issues rather than in favor of personalities. Immigrant Jews voted for Republican candidates for President in the late 19th and early 20th centuries before the phantom of totalitarianism arose and before Woodrow Wilson championed the rights of small nations. Nine in every 10 American Jewish voters picked FDR in 1940 and 1944. In 1948, Jews voted overwhelming for Truman, Even when War Hero Dwight Eisenhower squared off against Adlai Stevenson in 1952, Jews voted 75% for Stevenson.

But the city issues today are overwhelming law-andorder issues. Jews in Queens and Brooklyn want safety in the streets. Marchi and Procaccino promise them that safety. How they can produce it if elected is another question.

Joseph Alsop has declared that the heavy vote for conservative candidates in Los Angeles and Minneapolis and New York proves that "politically, virtuous WASP-Jewish liberalism is clearly in a very bad way in America at the moment," Yesterday's liberalism is a corpse in Joe Alsop's morgue, Many Jews will vote their fears, And George Wallace will be laughing in his Alabama

borsch.

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JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan paid a visit to the Temple Mount area following a Government decision to lift a ban on Jews going to the area which contains the El Aksa Mosque. The ban was imposed after a fire at the mosque to avoid possible trouble between Jews and Moslems.

During the ban, Jews still worship at the Western Wall which was outside the Temple area covered by the decree.

NEW YORK -- The appointment of Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, noted American Jewish educator, as chairman of the committee sponsoring the eleventh annual National Bible Contest held in the United States under the auspices of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewsh Agency-American Section was announced by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American Secton.

JERUSALEM -- Requests for bulk consignment of a special series of textbooks prepared for the University's ulpan (intensive course in Hebrew) are now being received by almost every mail from numerous overseas universities, Hebrew teachers' colleges and schools.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth

Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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of freedom of speech and religion, and affirmation of their faith in God, whether it be here on earth on soaring in space, is a choice that must be left with them.

What next

In Oregon a court has ruled crosses ilegal as public monuments. What about the acres of crosses at Arlington cemetery?

Looks like tradition is in for a terrible drubbing these

When you reach our age, much as you want to breach the generation gap for better understanding with your children and grandchildren, you cannot help but being a devotee of old traditions. We agree whole-heartedly with Ruthe in the preservation of tradition. At 60, what else have you got? But there are traditions and there are traditions. And the old order changeth.

Freedom of speech and freedom of religion, which have been and are still stifled in some areas of the world, are basic fundamentals not easily erased here in America. Freedom of choice is something else.

As our good Justice Zenoff might say, Freedom of Speech does not give one the choice of shouting "fire" in a crowded theatre. There's a time and place for everything

We feel certain that Ruthe followed the course of the astronauts, as we did, through every hour of their trip to the moon. We will bet that she cried with joy, as we did, when their capsule splashed down safely in the Pacific. We are positive she is as proud, as we are, of the magnitude of their deed.

We agree with Ruthe that the moon men have every right of freedom of speech and religion, and affirmation of their faith in God, whether it be here on earth or soaring into space. But have they the right to impart their beliefs to all the peoples on earth, who they represented on their journey? There are Athiests who are just as proud of the accomplishment as Ruthe and us, There are countless millions of others in many religions, faiths and sects, who are just as proud as we are that members of our planet landed on the Moon. Does Ruthe want to subject all those believers in their own particular choices of worship, whether it be God, Son of God, Mohammid, Buddha, idols or a voodoo doll? We think not. Is this the price all those people have to pay for being as proud as Ruthe and us for the deed of fellow earthmen landing on another world? Think it over Ruthe. You believe as we do, in live and let live. We don't want to change others to believe as we do, do we Ruthe?

As for the second item, the ruling of crosses being illegal as public monuments, any comment we might make on the subject is certainly with the risk of finger-pointers claiming we are prejudiced. Therefore, we do not pass judgement on the justification of the ruling. But we cannot overlook the example Ruthe points out to prove her point: "What about the acres of crosses at Arlington cemetary?"

We ask Ruthe: "What about the acres of Stars of David

at the same Arlington cemetary."

Those hallowed Crosses and Stars of David, and all other designations of religion that grace the graves of those brave men were never, under any circumstances, meant to prove a point for tradition or any other ideal. They are there simply, as part of the allover memorial of respect for those who sacrificied their lives in the cause of their country. Let's keep it so.

Ruthe, had no one objected to the utterance of Faith from the Moon, or the planting of Crosses as public monuments, we would have remained silent. Its those who object to the rights of objectors, who we answer.

"OY VEY-GAS"

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at the edge of the stage for hours chanting song after song. Last year at the Flamingo he packed 'em in. But his current 80-strong show is not Ho at his best: There's too much "show", not enough Ho.

He used to be strongly anti-American and mainlanders loved it. Now he's mellowed and stateside audiences still flock to him. Film clips of Ho and his son on the Islands revive fond memories for those of us who've been there. Ho's white bell-bottoms fit the "suck 'em up" image, along with onstage cocktails. "Hawaiian Bay", the "Hawaiian Wedding Song" and "Tiny Bubbles" still cause unique vibrations. And Hilo Hattie just keeps going.

Little Dion, wonder boy of soul, adds to the overlow of acts in the show. Ho goes back to the basics every time:

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